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FM AMEMBASSY VALLETTA

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INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON

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AMEMBASSY ROME

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TAGS: PFOR, MT, UR

SUBJECT: SOVIET AMBASSADOR DEPARTS

REF: VALLETTA 0726

1. SOVIET AMBASSADOR SMIRNOVSKY DEPARTED APRIL 15 AFTER ROUND OF FAREWELL CALLS ON PM AND CABINET MINISTERS.

2. ON HIS DEPARTURE, SMIRNOVSKY TOLD PRESS THAT CURRENT USSR-MALTA CONTACTS WOULD LEAD TO TRADE AND CULTURAL AGREEMENTS; THAT USSR HAD AGREED TO SUPPLY CEMENT TO MALTA FOR ONE YEAR ( NO AMOUNT SPECIFIED); AND THAT CONTACTS ON ISSUE OF ESTABLISHING A SOVIET EMBASSY IN MALTA WOULD CONTINUE.

3. COMMENT: AT GOVGEN' S ANNUAL DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION APRIL 14, SMIRNOVSKY TOLD DATT THAT SOVIETS NOT REALLY PRESSING FOR EMBASSY. THIRD SECRETARY SOLOVIEV LATER ADDED IN DISGRUNTLED TONE THAT " THEY ( THE MALTESE) WANT US TO DO ALL SORTS OF THINGS

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FOR THEM FROM A THOUSAND MILES AWAY." THE SOVIETS HAVE BEEN  
EXPORTING CEMENT TO MALTA FOR YEARS, AND MALTA DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION HAS BEEN NEGOTIATING FOR INCREASED AMOUNTS IN  
ORDER KEEP LOCAL CEMENT COSTS DOWN. GETZ

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